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## DESCRIPTION

TYROSINASE ACTIVITY CONTROLLING AGENT, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE  
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TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a tyrosinase activity  
controlling agent comprising, as an active ingredient, a compound  
that has tyrosinase inhibiting or promoting activity; and to an  
external preparation comprising the controlling agent. The  
10 present invention further relates to a process for producing the  
compound.

Specifically, the present invention relates to a novel  
arbutin ester compound with tyrosinase inhibitory activity, a  
tyrosinase inhibitor comprising the compound as an active  
15 ingredient, and to an external preparation comprising the  
inhibitor. Further, the present invention relates to a tyrosinase  
inhibitor comprising undecylenic acid, a salt thereof or an ester  
derivative thereof as an active ingredient, and to an external  
preparation comprising the inhibitor. Furthermore, the present  
20 invention relates to a tyrosinase activity promoter comprising  
ascorbic acid or a derivative thereof as an active ingredient,  
and to an external preparation comprising the tyrosinase activity  
promoter. The present invention also relates to a process for  
producing an ester using an enzyme, the process being suitable  
25 for production of the tyrosinase inhibitor or promoter.

BACKGROUND ART

Among compounds with tyrosinase inhibitory activity,  
natural products, such as arbutin and kojic acid, are often used  
30 as whitening agents in the cosmetic and other fields (e.g.,  
Journal of the Pharmaceutical Society of Japan, 112 (4), pp. 276-  
282, 1992; Journal of the Pharmaceutical Society of Japan, 115  
(8), pp. 626-632, 1995; BIO INDUSTRY, 11 (4), 206, 1994; and  
Biosci. Biotech. Biochem., 61, 11, pp. 1926-1928, 1997). However,  
35 when used as external preparations for the skin, such as